



2011-2012
ANNUAL REPORT

ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



Meet the IHSA Board of Directors



MARGARET HAYES
Chicago (Maria)
Division 1
Term Expires 2013



DANIEL KLETT
Wauconda
Division 2
Term Expires 2014



DR. MICHAEL GARDNER
Frankfort
(Lincoln-Way North)
Division 3
Term Expires 2013



TIM McCONNELL
Erie
Division 4
Term Expires 2014

TO BE ELECTED
Division 5
Term Expires 2015



DR. CHUCK NAGEL
East Peoria
Division 6
Term Expires 2014



JIM WOODWARD
Anna-Jonesboro
Division 7
Term Expires 2012



DEBRA PITTS
Bethalto (Civic Memorial)
At-Large
Term Expires 2012



DR. JEANETTE NUCKOLLS
Urbana (University)
At-Large
Term Expires 2013



DR. JAMES QUAID
Aurora (Marmion)
At-Large
Term Expires 2014



GREG BRADLEY
Forsyth
(Decatur Christian)
Treasurer
Appointed By Board

Members of the Illinois High School Association

This is my final time addressing you as the President of the IHSA Board of Directors via the Association's Annual Report and by the time this report is in your hands, my tenure on the Board will have come to a conclusion.

The September 2012 Board meeting will mark my final meeting on the IHSA Board after a nine-year term that included being elected Board President seven times.

My replacement in representing Board Division 7, in addition to the new rep filling the vacant seat in Division 5, will be decided by your online votes in September and those individuals will be in place on the Board for the October meeting.

Serving on the IHSA Board has been an invaluable experience that kept me coming back year-after-year nine times over. I would encourage any principal in the state who has interest, now or in the future, to strongly consider running for an open Board seat or by volunteering to fill openings on any IHSA committee.

What you sacrifice in time away from your building you will be repaid in the opportunity to be a part of meaningful discussion and action for a top flight organization and, more

importantly, the irreplaceable moments of having the chance to interact with incredible young people from all over the state.

My nine years on the Board coincided with some significant changes in the IHSA's structure and my colleagues and I faced many important and controversial issues. I am proud of the work we did and can say with complete conviction that we always acted in the best interest of the students and schools that we were given the responsibility of representing.

Thanks to all the great people I had the opportunity to meet and work with during my time on the IHSA Board and thank you to the fellow principals in my Board Division for placing faith in me to represent you in this position.

I am proud to have been a part of the finest high school state association in the country.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in orange ink that reads "Jim Woodward". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Jim Woodward
Anna-Jonesboro High School

After significant changes to our staff over the past few years, the 2011-12 school term was relatively quiet in comparison to its predecessors. However, it still came with two significant announcements, including the retirement of the IHSA's longest tenured employee, Mark Rustemeyer. Mark retired in August following 37 years of service to the IHSA. Mark actually began working at the IHSA as a student at Bloomington High School and joined the staff full-time following graduation. The individuals at our member schools may not have known Mark to see him, but he was a vital part of facilitating the receipt of the all-school mailing, sport rule books, balls for postseason contests and countless other items for our member schools during his time here. We appreciate all that Mark did for the IHSA and congratulate him on his retirement. The second staff change involves Tracie Henry, who joined our office as the Coordinator of Special Programs in 2010, and will be promoted to Assistant Executive Director beginning with the 2012-13 school year. Tracie has met and exceeded expectations since joining our staff and has done an exemplary job of shepherding the inaugural IHSA Dance State Series, which will begin this winter. We feel fortunate to have Tracie and know she will continue to capably serve our member schools in her new role.

While our staff changes were relatively minor, our Board will have several new faces next year. Three of those faces haven't changed in nearly a decade, so I wanted to take this opportunity to make special mention of the service and leadership provided by Clinton High School Principal Ron Conner, Riverdale High School Principal Jim Boyd and Anna-Jonesboro Principal Jim Woodward. Ron's retirement from his principal position at Clinton at the end of the 2011-12 school year coincided with the end of his term-maximum nine years on the Board, just as Jim Woodward's will in September. Jim Boyd was also elected to three terms and served eight years on the Board before his retirement from Riverdale this past June. To help put into perspective the commitment these three individuals have exhibited to the IHSA Board, since the IHSA Board was established in 1903, only 29 other principals have served on the Board as long or longer than Jim, Ron and Jim, and many of those individuals served prior to the establishment of the term limit. It is always difficult to lose folks of their quality, but we are excited by the prospects of all the other dedicated and capable individuals who will have the opportunity to take their place.



Marty Hickman

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IHSA Executive Director

IHSA ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF



Mark Rustemeyer



Ron Conner



Jim Boyd



Jim Woodward



MARTY HICKMAN
Executive Director



KURT GIBSON
Associate Exec. Director



BETH SAUSER
Asst. Exec. Director



SCOTT JOHNSON
Asst. Exec. Director



RON MCGRAW
Asst. Exec. Director



SUSAN KNOBLAUCH
Asst. Exec. Director



MATT TROHA
Asst. Exec. Director



STACEY LAMBERT
Asst. Exec. Director



CRAIG ANDERSON
Asst. Exec. Director



TRACIE HENRY
Asst. Exec. Director

OUR MISSION: The IHSA governs the equitable participation in interscholastic athletics and activities that enrich the educational experience.



COACHES & OFFICIALS OF THE YEAR

2011-12 NFHS Officials of the Year

FootballBill Book, Fairfield
 Boys Swimming & Diving.....Albert Wienke, Mokena
 Girls Swimming & Diving.....Joe Plack, Deerfield
 Boys SoccerGene Matlock, St. Louis (MO)
 Girls SoccerJoseph Heyden, Collinsville
 Boys VolleyballJanice McGeary, Frankfort
 Girls Volleyball.....Albert Huber, Bartonville
 Cross CountryGalen Bennett, Byron
 CheerleadingLeonard Romuar, Arlington Heights
 Girls Gymnastics.....Betty Bennett, East Dundee
 Boys Gymnastics.....Randy Gentile, Elmhurst
 Boys Basketball.....Gary Gullett, Byron
 Girls BasketballSal Vasta, Elmhurst
 WrestlingJames Chaloupka, Berwyn
 Boys Track & Field.....Owen Fuller, Marseilles
 Girls Track & FieldGeza Ehrentreu, Rockford
 Baseball.....Robert Engel Jr., Chatham
 Softball.....Christopher Smith, Macomb
 Water Polo.....Glenn Gabriel, Hickory Hills

2011 NFHS Coaches of the Year

(based on 2010-11 seasons)

Girls BadmintonKarilyn Joyce, Evanston
 Boys Basketball.....Dave Witzig, Normal Community
 Girls BasketballTonya Johnson, Zion-Benton
 BaseballJustin Fleener, Teutopolis
 Boys Cross Country.....JB Hanson, Lake Zurich
 Girls Cross Country.....Mike Sullivan, Peoria Notre Dame
 Football.....Ron Muhitch, Wheaton Warrenville South
 Boys GolfNathan Mills, Mahomet-Seymour
 Boys SoccerLyn Larsen, Stillman Valley
 Girls Soccer.....Kevin Emery, Warrensburg-Latham
 SoftballTammy Deter, Morrison
 SpiritRobbie Walters, Columbia
 Boys Swimming & Diving.....Rahul Sethna, Mundelein
 Girls Swimming & Diving ...Judy Busse, Downers Grove North
 Boys Tennis.....Tad Eckert, New Trier
 Girls TennisBob Keefe, Belleville West
 Boys Track & Field.....Ed Adams, Leo
 Girls Track & Field.....Scott McMullen, Byron
 Girls VolleyballAngie Winters, Scales Mound
 Wrestling.....Justin Lehr, Crystal Lake Central

Downers Grove South's Jan Heiteen Inducted into NFHS Hall of Fame

Legendary Downers Grove South High School teacher, head speech coach and drama director Jan Heiteen was announced as a part of the 2012 NFHS National High School Hall of Fame class in March and then enshrined during a June ceremony in Nashville, Tennessee as a part of the NFHS's annual Summer Meeting. Heiteen became the 24th individual from Illinois to be presented with this exclusive accolade, which is considered the highest achievable honor in high school sports and activities. Her decorated career includes leading Downers Grove South to 15 team state championships in the IHSA Speech State Finals and coaching more than 70 individual event state champions. Her program also won the IHSA Group Interpretation Team State Championship in 1992 and in 2008 her student, Kyle Ackerman, was named the National Forensic League Student of the Year.



Jan Heiteen

Belvidere North's Eddie Avila Epitomizes Spirit of Sport

The IHSA was proud to present Belvidere North High School graduate Heriberto "Eddie" Avila as its nominee for the 2012 NFHS Spirit of Sport Award. The annual award seeks to honor individuals who exhibit exemplary sportsmanship, school and community service or have overcome significant adversity in their lives. Avila exhibited attributes from all three categories, as his harrowing journey became a national news story. In a wrestling match during his senior year, his opponent performed a routine throw on him, but in a one-in-a-million scenario, Eddie's leg suffered compound fractures and had to be amputated above the thigh. Eddie, who is also a talented musician and tennis player, inspired those around him with a selfless can-do spirit. He also showed incredible compassion by meeting with and reassuring the wrestler who had hurt him, as he had become overcome with guilt following the match. Eddie continued to inspire those around him throughout his recovery and reached his goal of walking across the stage for his high school graduation months after the accident.



Eddie Avila

NFHS Honors Carbondale Music Director Greg Townsend

The NFHS annually recognizes top high school band, choral/orchestral directors, and adjudicators from around the country whose overall contributions have impacted high school activity programs. Carbondale High School Band Director Greg Townsend was among the distinguished honorees last year and he received his honor at the 2012 IHSA Girls Class 1A & 2A Basketball State Finals, an event that Townsend's Marching Terriers were selected to play at. Honorees must exemplify the highest standards of ethical conduct and have made significant long-term contributions to interscholastic high school music activities.



Greg Townsend

IHSA Announces Formation of Pilot Program For Students with Disabilities



The IHSA has long practiced an inclusionary policy for student-athletes with disabilities in Association events, annually granting waivers in a variety of sports for student-athletes with various disabilities, including competitors with vision/hearing impairments or utilizing prostheses, to compete on their high school teams in IHSA State Series events. During the 2011-12 school year, a member school petitioned the IHSA Board to consider adding additional and separate opportunities for students with disabilities on behalf of a student at the school. The Board formed an ad hoc committee that met over the course of several months and ultimately made the recommendation that the IHSA develop a pilot program for students with disabilities. At its June meeting, the Board approved the creation of the pilot program for the 2012-13 school year in the following sports: boys and girls cross country, boys and girls bowling, boys and girls swimming & diving, and boys and girls track & field. More information on the pilot program will be announced to member schools in 2012-13 as it becomes available.



IHSA To Be Featured In Peoria Riverfront Museum

The Peoria Riverfront Museum has steadily been taking shape over the past few years and is now set to open in October, 2012. The IHSA is proud to have a significant role in the museum. The IHSA Peak Performance Center will give visitors the chance to test their fitness levels and challenge their wits in a number of IHSA sports and activities, from basketball and wrestling to chess and music. The exhibit will also feature a number of historical items from around the state, ranging from trophies to programs to jerseys. The exhibit will regularly rotate content, so please contact Tracie Henry at the IHSA office if your school would be willing to loan or donate any historic items to be included in the IHSA Peak Performance Center at the Peoria Riverfront Museum.

Competitive Dance State Final To Debut In 2013

The IHSA will add a 29th sport to its State Series lineup in the winter of 2013. Committee work over the past year resulted in the IHSA Board of Directors approving a recommendation to create an IHSA Competitive Dance State Series at its meeting in October, 2011. Later in June, the Board selected Bloomington's U.S. Cellular Coliseum to host the first five state championship events, beginning with the inaugural state meet on Friday and Saturday, January 25-26, 2013. The Coliseum has also been home to the IHSA's Competitive Cheerleading State Finals since 2007. Competitive Dance and Competitive Cheer will hold their state finals on back-to-back weekends with Dance preceding Cheerleading.



**2011-12 DO WHAT'S RIGHT
SPORTSPERSONS OF THE YEAR**

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| Division 3 | Kelly McShea, Wheaton (St. Francis) |
| Division 6 | Claire Watson, Riverton |
| Division 7 | Tanner Crum, Mt. Carmel |
| At-Large | Bo Beniac, Frankfort (Lincoln-Way North) |



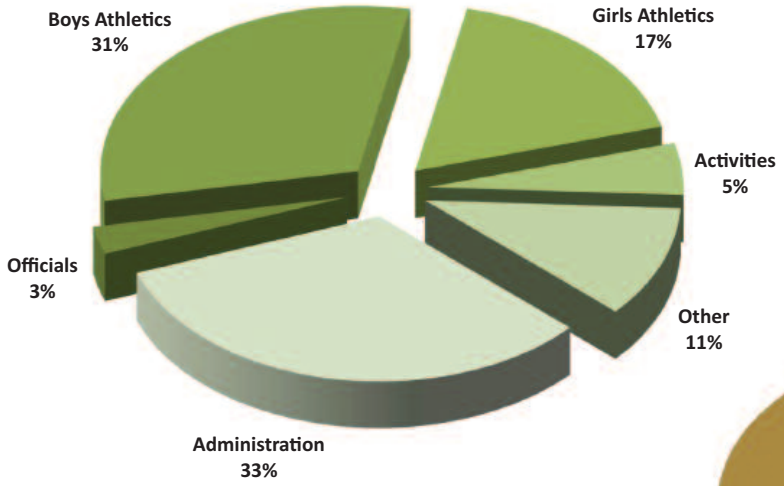
**2011-12 DO WHAT'S RIGHT
STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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| District 1 | Cecile Franke, Chicago (Northside College Prep) |
| District 2 | Andrew Williams, Chicago (Hales Franciscan) |
| District 3 | Kristen Kleist, Chicago (Mother McCauley) |
| District 4 | Valerie Fung, Skokie (Niles West) |
| District 5 | Morgan Murphy, Sandwich |
| District 6 | Tyler Yunk, Belvidere (North) |
| District 7 | Katie Guth, Darien (Hinsdale South) |
| District 8 | Rebekah Michaelsen, Lemont (H.S.) |
| District 9 | Jaelen Hull, Kankakee (McNamara) |
| District 10 | Devin Hartman, Lanark (Eastland) |
| District 11 | Abigail Taets, Orion |
| District 12 | Brian Ehresman, El Paso (E.P.-Gridley) |
| District 13 | Sean Kelley, Champaign (St. Thomas More) |
| District 14 | Neil Yockey, Shelbyville |
| District 15 | Cameron Baker, Normal (Community) |
| District 15 | Carly Sarff, Mt. Zion |
| District 16 | Courtney Musson, Astoria |
| District 17 | Adelmo Marchiori IV, Carlinville |
| District 18 | Lucas Joseph, East Peoria |
| District 19 | Matthew McDonald, Dupo |
| District 20 | Kristina Hodges, Flora |
| District 21 | Andrew Novara, Murphysboro |

Financial Information

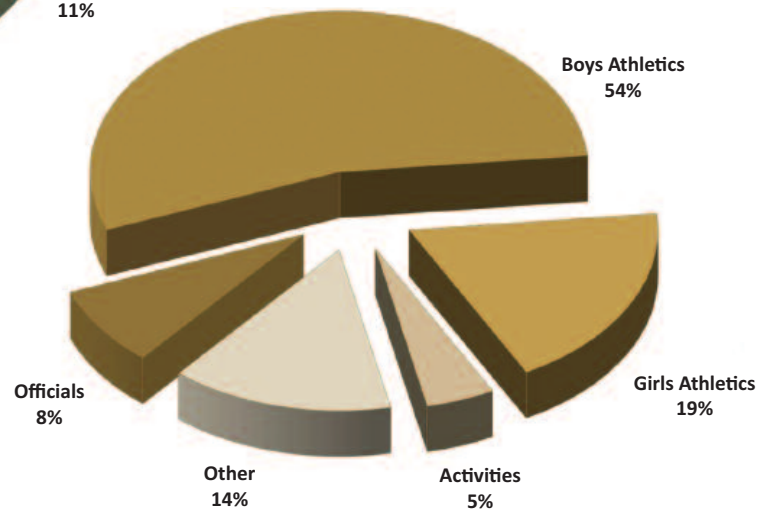
The attendance at State Series events and revenue for the Association and its member schools rose slightly in 2011-12. The IHSA is proud to be able to offer its services without a membership fee or any type of per sport/activity registration fee. This year's financial information provides optimism that our model will continue to be able to provide these opportunities without cost to member schools, while also allowing a modest amount of reserves to be saved to guard against unforeseen events in the future. The graph at the top of the next page details the distribution of income from State Series events during the 2011-12 school year. The IHSA was able to return over \$2.7 million dollars to its member schools from its tournament income last year.





2011-2012 Expenses
Total Expenses
\$10,465,705

2011-2012 Income
Total Income
\$10,828,128



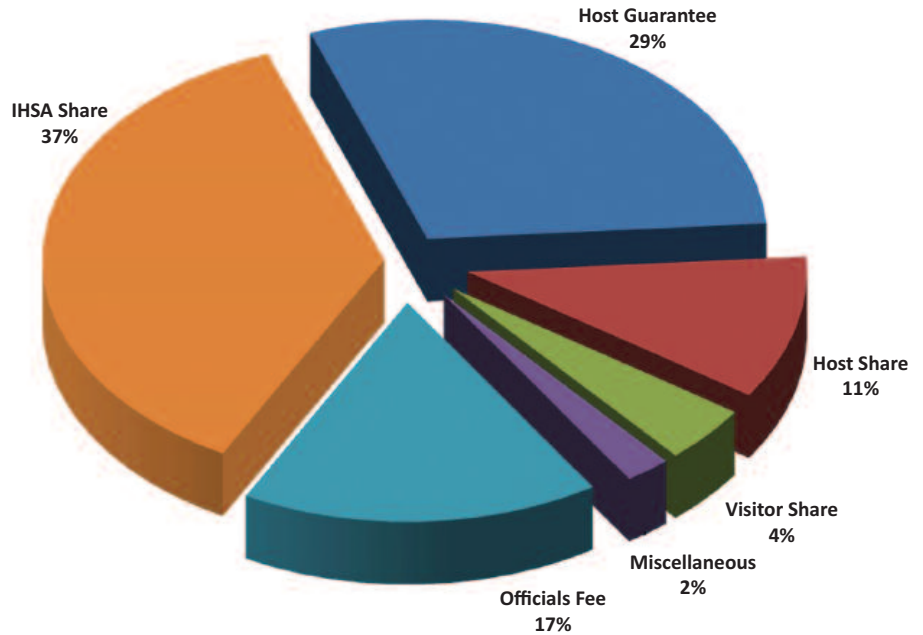
INCOME FROM IHSA STATE SERIES 2011-12

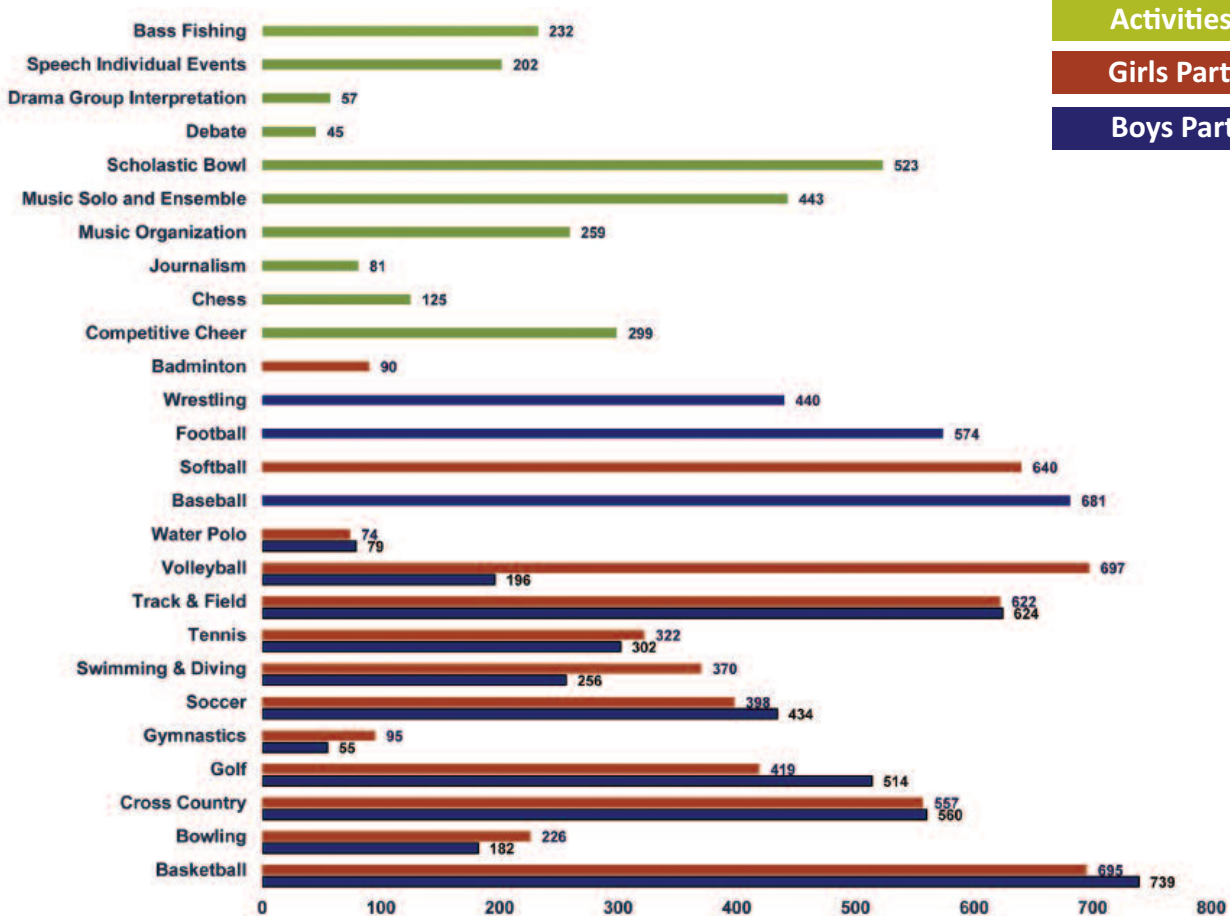
Total Income: \$5,927,169

IHSA Share: \$2,170,113

School Share: \$2,752,450

Officials Fees: \$1,004,606





IHSA Happenings from 2011-12

- The IHSA launched version 3.0 of its website www.IHSA.org, the first complete overhaul of the site since 1997.
- The **Girls Bowling State Final** hosting contract at Cherry Bowl in Rockford was extended through 2016.
- The IHSA continued its **Performance-Enhancing Drug Testing Program**, making Illinois one of three state associations in the country to conduct such a program.
- New Trier's 400-Yard Freestyle Relay team of Max Grodecki, Sam Skinner, Reed Malone and Jack Mangan set a **new national high school record** with a time of 2:59.76 at the 2012 IHSA state meet.
- The **Girls Soccer State Final** hosting contract at North Central College in Naperville was extended through 2016.
- The IHSA teamed with the Chicago Bears and the Chicago Concussion Coalition for events to **help promote concussion safety and awareness** during the school year.
- Northern Illinois University's Huskie Stadium in DeKalb was selected to host the **IHSA Football State Finals** in odd years beginning in 2013. The University of Illinois will continue to host in even years.
- The **Boys Bowling State Final** hosting contract at St. Clair Bowl in O'Fallon was extended through 2016.
- The **IHSA Board approved classifications** for the 2012-13 school year that will now place 25% of the participating schools in each of the classes in four-class sports.
- Over 500 officials from around the state attended the 13th annual **IHSA Officials Conference** in Peoria.

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